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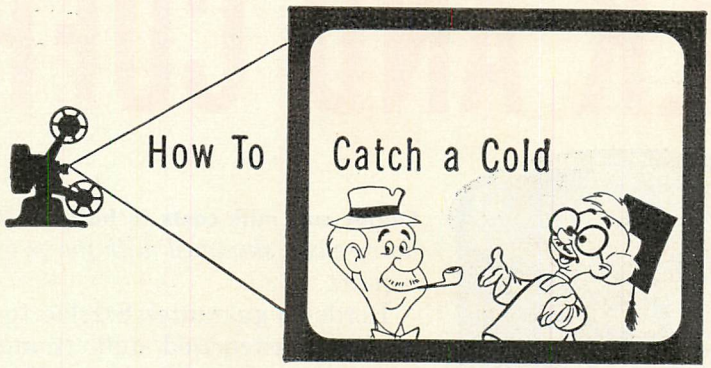

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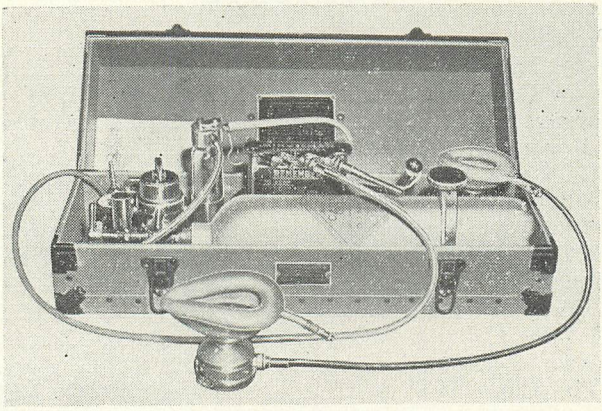

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Editor's Preamble

It is one thing to experience a busy year; nearly everyone can make that statement and be truthful about it. But it is something else again to be extremely happy about that busy-ness, it having been created by a group of co-operative, self-less p e o p l e : the readers of this magazine, members of the editorial committee, and members of the Canadian Camping Association who come forward so freely with ideas, with articles, with tangible help and a tremendous amount of encouragement. It is easy to carry on under such pleasant circumstances, and to say with all sincerity: "We thank you very much, and look forward to an even busier year in the fall, if it means more members and a stronger, more closely-knit Association".

We have arrived at many conclusions during the past season; notably, that new members are easy to find. Camp directors and other individuals interested in the camping movement are ready and eager to join our ranks, to share our experiences and knowledge; they are waiting to hear from us. By the same token, we feel that next year's membership numbers could be doubled if we knuckle down to the actual business of the project.

We have learned that Canadian Camp Week is tremendously important to Canada as well as to the Association. It is important nationally because it has to do with youth, its development, adjustment and general well-being. It is important to the Association because it gives us a chance to tell our story, to place ourselves before the citizens of Canada, and to increase our stature, our prestige, in the eyes of members and general public alike.

This year was a first attempt on our part, true enough. A very efficient committee has worked to put Camp Week across, but we have had to learn as we progressed. And the astonishing outcome is that enthusiasm rides high with the public, provincial Associations, and key people in all districts. They are ready to hear about us and to help in an extensive public relations programme. Department stores in major centres in Canada responded this year with interior and window displays. J. Frank Willis of CBC gave us full support, with the result that John Fisher, Cuckoo Clock House, TV Tabloid, a series of spot announcements from such centres as Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and western points did a tremendous amount to put our story across. Editors of daily and weekly newspapers responded valiantly as well.

With these results at hand, it is obvious that CCA is missing a tremendous opportunity, not only for campers, but for counsellors and directors, if we fail to make Canadian Camp Week the giant yearly event it should be. We should, therefore, see that a strong standing committee is appointed especially for this project, to begin work now for 1955 all across the board.

We have learned that campers and camp directors would welcome a song book produced by the Canadian Camping Association. Each province has its own peculiar camp songs along with

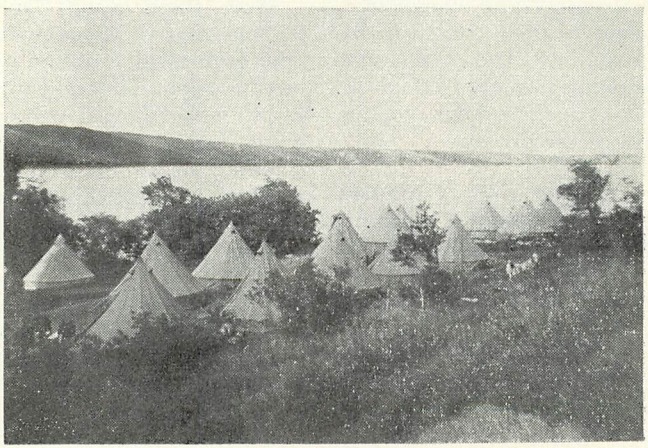
the old favourites known to campers the world over; each camp has its own versions of old songs, as well as original arrangements. All these and more, we want to know about. If every camp director in our membership would submit even one original song or original verses to an old one, Mrs. Dorothy Douglas, our Song Book Chairman, would be well away to a completed venture. Let's not say "something must be done about the Song Book this summer"; rather let us all, today, set down, clip, beg, or borrow the words and music she needs, and mail them NOW.

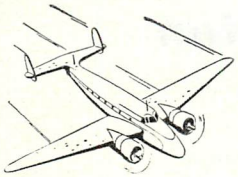
Any claim to fame this magazine may possess is due to all those fine people who write for us, like DR. H. W. CURRAN, who so generously presented us with his address "to be used at will" in Canadian Camping . . . ARNOLD FRASER, whose close association with "Ace" made him the obvious author of this month's Personality . . . BARRY LOWES, busy as any other camp director at this time of year, a first-line man in the Ontario Seminar for Camp Directors, yet who made time to help us and cheer us on rainy days . . . KEITH CLEVERDON, who also pushed aside the hours to write on a subject none likes to face but must, Fire Protection . . . MARY PORTER, enthusiastic Queen's student, and student OCA member whose concern for waterfront safety caused her to work out, with the help of Don Purdy of the Ottawa Red Cross, a rescue system for waterfront emergencies . . . KIRK WIPPER wasn't exactly unbusy when he produced an excellent waterfront check-list all camp directors will keep for future reference we are sure.

As we go to press, we extend congratulations and best wishes for a very successful future to Mr. Irwin Haladner and his new CCA Executive, as well as to the newly-elected Quebec Camping Association Executive, names of which appear in this issue of the magazine.

So . . . wherever we pitch camp this summer, from Queen Charlotte Island to the Grand Banks, may we all be blessed with happy, sunny days.

Please excuse us while we fold our tent with the typewriter in it and silently steal away . . . yes, to camp, too . . . before the office telephone **dares** to ring once more!





WE WENT TO KINGSTON

The LaSalle Hotel in Kingston saw one of the best Annual Meetings we have ever had, and the laurels go to President Ted Yard for carrying it through so efficiently. More than a few comments on his efficient handling of the event reached our ears, and the entire gathering showed pleasure and satisfaction at the progress in all provinces, and in the value of friendly discussion and positive suggestion for our next steps forward.

Although the representatives (from Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto) were not large in number, we were strong in determination to broaden membership, to strengthen ties between provinces, to gain through Camp Week wider recognition across our country, and to make this the beginning of a new era in Canadian camping.

That we have come a long way in the last three hundred and sixty-five days is only too evident in the President's resumé of accomplishments:

Preparation of book on Policies and Procedures,

Setting up of Camp Week Committee,

Discussion with lawyer re charter,

Special binding of Camping Magazines,

Invitation to Canadian Council of Churches to have a representative on our Board,

Reduction of amount of fees received from provinces,

Development of special membership promotion material,

On-going correspondence of the committee,

Setting up of new Song Book Committee,

Extensive distribution of free pamphlets and other material to interested people, to camping associations across Canada.

After the work of the nominations committee, the following executive was elected: Honorary President, Mr. A. L. Cochrane; President, Mr. Irwin Haladner, formerly Vice-president of CCA, past-President of OCA and present treasurer of OCA; Vice-presidents, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Winnipeg; Mr. F. M. VanWagner, Montreal; Mr. Charles Roche, Vancouver.

Facing us is another busy year of progress, headed by the new Executive. In his address of welcome, Mr. Yard pointed up the extremely valuable contributions to the Association as a whole given by Mr. A. L. Cochrane, and by Mr. Irwin Haladner. He stressed too the importance of including members from other provinces who, as we have already seen through Mrs. McDonald and Mr. VanWagner, can bring the viewpoint of other parts of Canada into the discussions. By the time the magazine is in your hands, Mr. Haladner will have called his first Board meeting, and new committee chairmen will have been appointed.

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Education for Conservation

Taken from the address presented at the Annual Meeting of The Canadian Camping Association, Kingston, by

DR. H. W. CURRAN, *Professor of Biology, Queen's University*

Conservation practices and methods have improved more in the last twenty years than in all previous history. Though this increase has been tremendous both in application as well as in appreciation of conservation, there is still room for improvement. But I am encouraged to believe that this interest will continue to develop when we consider the number of persons and agencies now concerned in Conservation.

First I should define some of the terms. Here, I am referring to the Conservation of our natural renewable resources, primarily our forests, our trees, our grass and other plant life; our wildlife, which includes all our wild mammals, our birds, both game birds and songbirds; our fishes, both game fish and commercial fish; and sometimes even the amphibians and reptiles. Our resources include as well, water and soil which should be carefully controlled. Conservation has often been defined as the greatest use, by the largest number of people over the longest period of time. More briefly it can be described as "Wise Use". If then, we accept the wise use of our natural renewable resources for the term Conservation, we can examine some of the developments and present practices.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, there has been a steadily increasing interest and appreciation of the conservation of our natural resources. This got under way very slowly at first and was initiated by such militant campaigners as W. T. Hornaday, who crusaded with missionary zeal to bring to the attention of the general public their rapidly diminishing natural resources. Many Canadians and Americans obtained their first interest in nature through the late Jack Miner, who did so much to arouse public interest in Wildlife Conservation.

The famous Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and Gifford Pinchot, Governor of Pennsylvania, helped to set aside vast tracts of land as forest reserves. But with the advent of the First World War there was a decline in interest in conservation by the public. This brought about a consequent decline in fish and wildlife resources. The picture was indeed a dark one and it appeared certain that many species were going down a fading trail to extinction. Little was accomplished during this period and through the 20's, with the outstanding exceptions of the Migration Bird Treaty Act—which was the first International Treaty to protect Migratory Birds—and the great and good work of the Audubon Society and the Junior Audubon Bird Clubs, which had an effect later on as these children grew to adults.

It was during the 30's that there was the greatest increase in conservation interest and activities, which has gradually built up and culminated in a peak which has never been reached before. This present peak of attain-

ment could not have been dreamed of by those pioneer conservationists in the early part of the 20th century.

In general, there was a great increase as well along the following lines:—

1. Protective regulations.
2. Stocking and Planting of fish and game.
3. Reforestation.
4. Improvement of environment, both aquatic and terrestrial.

After the end of the Second World War there was a tremendous expansion in the Fish and Game Departments and Conservation Commissions and Agencies. There is still a serious shortage of trained personnel in the Fish and Wildlife Field.

With proper management, it has been possible for some kinds of game and fish to make astonishing recoveries. To consider a few examples, the great American Bison herds on the Western plains were reduced from more than thirty million animals to only twenty-one individuals in less than forty years. Now they have been brought back to all that the regions will support in a wild state, several thousands; also the American Pronghorn Antelope of the western plains was nearing extinction; now it is once more common.

The beaver, symbolic of Canada, and the most important animal in our country's history, was exterminated over most of its range. By careful management, live trapping and release into new areas, it is now re-established over much of its original range.

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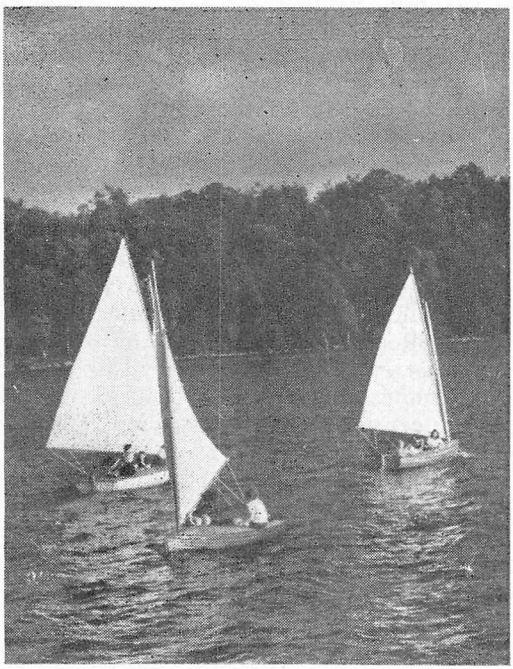

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All of these cases and many more are possible through proper wildlife management to provide sufficient food and shelter. Adequate management is essential to meet the greatly increased demands upon our resources.

In most areas where counts have been made, it has been shown that the number of sportsmen has at least doubled in the past ten years. Also, that most of these persons are spending twice the amount of time in the field. Thus, in angling at least, we find in many places that man-hours of fishing has increased by four hundred per cent within ten years, because twice the number of fishermen are spending twice the amount of time fishing.

Another startling example close to home indicates the increase among hunters in Ontario. The number of resident deer licenses sold in Ontario in 1933 was approximately seventeen thousand, and in 1943 it was thirty-eight thousand, but ten years later, in 1953, it had risen to seventy-eight thousand. We can expect no lessening of these figures, but probably an increase.

These are only indications of a **trend** for use of the great out-of-doors. These figures are for anglers and hunters, but that is only a small percentage of the total numbers that enjoy our lakes and woods. This army of tourists, of campers, canoeists and hikers can not be accurately tabulated, but we know that it is increasing year by year and that the average amount of time spent by each individual is also increasing.

It is these people, making up an increasingly large proportion of the general public, that are bringing about such profound changes in the attitude towards conservation, and especially the young people and children.

Education for Conservation should reach to all levels of society and to all ages of the population, but it is most effective with the young people and school children.

Undoubtedly the best method for true appreciation of our natural resources and the proper use of them is by education. Not only the education of adults through such organizations as Naturalists Clubs, Fish and Game Clubs, Home and School Groups, Audubon Societies, and others, but especially through the young people in our elementary and secondary schools. This is where it is most effective and where within a very few years, results will begin to show.

Conservation teaching should be embodied in part of the program of our schools today—not as an additional subject in an already overloaded curriculum, but as an approach or a philosophy in such fields of study as History, Geography, English, Social Studies and others. Of course it is an integral part of Biology and Agricultural Science.

Conservation should not imply the prohibition of the use of our resources, whether forests, fish or wildlife. Let us consider instead that Conservation is the wise use of our resources.

Let us hope that Canadians, through education and appreciation, will be able to use and enjoy their resources wisely and well.

AMONG OURSELVES . . .

Arnold Fraser, Executive Secretary,
High Park YMCA, Toronto.

To those of you who do not know him, I would like to introduce you to "Ace" Milks, official initials W. A., the man whose life and work have been devoted to Camping and who has made more impact on Institutional Camping in Canada than any other. There will be few indeed who do not know Ace, and for them this will be no introduction, but rather a calling to mind of that pleasant, warm personality who carries in his heart a love of people and in his whole being a basic understanding of a man's relationship to nature and to God.

For 34 years, Ace directed Camp On-Da-Da-Waks, one of the largest Y.M.C.A. camps in Canada and one of the most progressive. The Ottawa Y.M.C.A. owes a great debt to Ace for the years of service he gave to the development of this splendid camp, and thousands of men and boys in the capitol and indeed all over the continent still look back to those happy days spent at Camp On-Da-Da-Waks and their association with him.

Ace Milks was born in Eardley, Quebec, and as early as 1907 attended the Ottawa Y.M.C.A. Camp at Marshall's Bay on the Ottawa River. This was not the first camp which the Ottawa Y.M.C.A. had organized for boys and, as a matter of fact, the origin of Y.M.C.A. camping in Ottawa is somewhat lost in the mists of history. The first actual word of the camp, which was to become Camp On-Da-Da-Waks, is to be found in the minutes of an Ottawa Y.W.C.A. Board meeting. It states that a camp had been held in 1893 on the Ottawa River across from Quyon, Quebec. However, Ace was with Wallace Forgie in 1908, when the camp was first moved to Golden Lake, Ontario, because there was too much sawdust in the water at Marshall's Bay. It was in the year 1915 that Ace assumed the role of leadership at Golden Lake, becoming a camp counsellor and subsequently in 1916 he became Assistant Director of the camp of which Charlie Plewman was Director. Every summer from 1916 to 1950 inclusive, Ace directed Camp On-Da-Da-Waks, a total of 34 years.

Ace's original interest in camping was based on his love of the out-of-doors, the swish of the paddle, the

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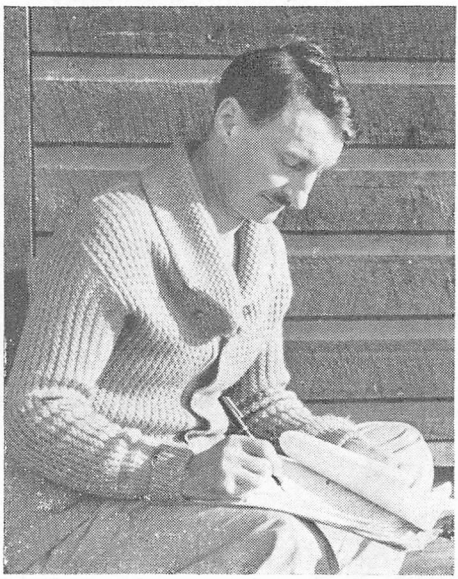

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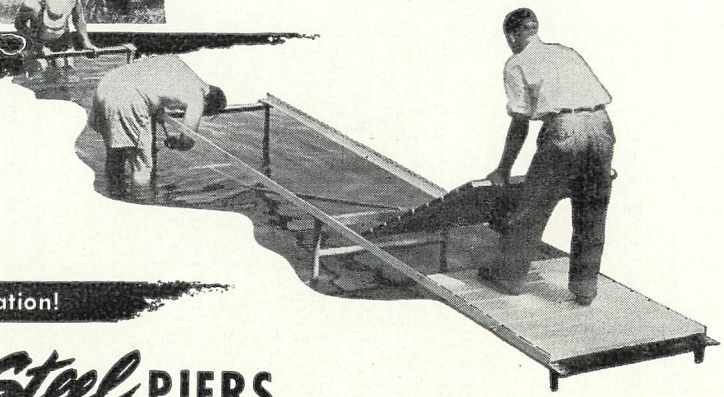

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enjoyment of the things of nature, coupled with his love of people and his reverence for the Creator. Thirty-four years have seen a lot of changes in the field of camping. Not only did Ace keep abreast of these changes, but through his splendid work and the development of his own camp, he caused many of these changes to take place. One of his strong points has always been his ability to interest the community in the best type of camping and to surround himself with the best type of laymen who have supported Camp On-Da-Da-Waks through whose ability, together with Ace's guiding genius, have maintained Camp On-Da-Da-Waks in its first-rank position among Y.M.C.A. Boys' Camps in Canada. Developments in camping, as in anything else, have always depended on the committed support of laymen who are prepared to give time and effort, and Ace knew how to recruit these men and to release their abilities in a productive manner. As Ace's 34 years in camping went by, he helped to shape the philosophy of not only Y.M.C.A. Camping, but organizational camping in general and to this day he is still the spirit of youth with a keen interest in the movement. As a layman, he continues to give the best of his guidance and experience to camping in Ottawa. He believes that a camp experience is vital to every boy and girl, is an important part of education. His undying love of nature reminds one of Rousseau. Perhaps it is this love of nature that led him to pick the name On-Da-Da-Waks, which means "Men of the Woods", for the camp at Golden Lake.

In 1950, the year in which Ace retired, Camp On-Da-Da-Waks served over three hundred boys and possessed a most modern plant and equipment, with which to do the job. Under his direction over the years, the camp made the most of its site, increased its property holding and prepared itself to continue to serve the youth of the future. Through Ace's leadership, Camp On-Da-Da-Waks has always provided an opportunity for boys to meet outstanding Canadian artists, naturalists and leaders. Because of his early contact with Wallace Forgie, the boys of Camp On-Da-Da-Waks have always taken an interest in lands outside Canada and have supported those who are less fortunate. The leadership which Ace Milks has given to many thousands has not been narrow or confined, but has been as broad as the wide blue skies under which he has loved to work.

Ace Milks has never confined his interests to his own camp at Golden Lake alone. He has given the benefit of his experience, in an advisory capacity, to many camps across Canada, and has personally helped to start Christie Lake Boys' Camp, Woodland Camp and Shirley Bay Camp. He still serves on these camp committees, believing that boys, no matter from what walk of life they come, should have the benefit of a camping experience.

We who have been in camping and who know its values, are aware of its great impact on the development of a philosophy of life. As much as any man I know, Ace Milks represents that way of life. Organizational camping at its present high level of development owes much to the vision and the persistent effort which Ace Milks has brought to his own Camp On-Da-Da-Waks and to the movement as a whole. I hope the day will come when we recognize service such as he has rendered, for we build on what he started, based on the philosophy of deep understanding of nature and of people.

PROVINCIAL REPORTS

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Membership 1953-54

Camps 18, Agencies 3, Individuals 23, Students 20.

Camp Counsellors' Institute

A very successful Institute for Counsellors and administrators was conducted on May 1 and 2. Approximately 50 counsellors and 33 administrators attended the sessions. Discussion leaders were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Handy, Geneal Secretary, Y.M. C.A., Wenatchee.

B.C. Camping Week, 1953

For the second consecutive year, this week was geared to bringing the values in camping to the attention of the public. Promotion consisted of several daily press articles, radio talk and spot plugs, four city store window displays, two outdoor illuminated message signs, and talks to parent groups. Of great assistance were posters given by the A.C.A. and overprinted by us for local use.

Programme

Monthly general meetings have not been successful for several years in B.C. This is partly due to the high ratio of agency camps, whose directors and staff are tied up all year in their other programmes and cannot devote time to meetings. Commencing last October, discussion groups in counsellorship and administration have met monthly with great success. Short announcements only were injected into these meetings. It is hoped to publish a summary of these discussions later.

Highlight of the fall programme was the visit of National President, Ted Yard. Mr. Yard spent one evening with the executive and the following week spoke at the monthly general meeting. We are indebted to Mr. Yard for his visit and the inspiring message he brought, not only to our Association, but also to the other groups he spoke to, including the University Physical Education Department. It is the hope of the Association that such a visit will be made by each President at some time during his/her two year period of office.

Programme Material

Commencing at the Institute last May, programme material has been sent to the membership at regular intervals and has met with enthusiastic approval. Stencils of the material have also been sent to the National Office and others will be sent if requested. It is planned to continue the distribution of this material.

Camp Directory

1953 saw the first printed camp directory, published in conjunction with the Community Chest & Council. Negotiations are under way to publish the 1954 directory.

Buyers' Guide

Vice-President Mrs. Pat Broome has been working hard to compile material and information that will assist camp directors and/or managers in their buying of camp supplies. This has been a big job, but we feel sure that the results will justify the amount of work involved.

Health Cards

A standard Camper's Health Report Card is the aim of the Provincial Department of Health. With this in mind, the Department approached this Association for their help and guidance. Following two meetings with the executive, a satisfactory card was drawn up with the endorsation of this Association. These cards will be distributed free of cost through the licensing branch and all camps are being requested to make use of them.

Pacific Camping Federation

The annual conference of the above Federation is being held at Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, B.C., on March 10-11-12. A delegation from this Association will be attending and their report will be published in the March issue of the Newsletter. Negotiations are also under way to arrange an affiliation with the Pacific Camping Federation.

1954 Canadian Camp Week

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carola Forst, the committee is busy lining up sources of publicity for this week, which promises to be a big event this year. Already Vancouver's three department stores (Eaton's, Woodwards, HBC) have promised one window each for display purposes.

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ALBERTA

Alberta Camping Association report of the meeting held on February 13th, 1954.

Present were the following: Mr. Joe Currie, Pioneer Ranch Camp; Murray Faulkner, Y.M.C.A., Calgary; Mrs. Watson, Provincial C.G.I.T. Board; Jean Angus, R.E.C.A. Council, Harold Robbins, Chairman Lethbridge Y.M.-C.A. Camp Committee; a representative of Kiwanis Camp; Jean Martin and Kay Broatch, representing Y.W.-C.A. and the Council of Social Agencies; Jim Scott and another representative from the Provincial Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations; Mr. Cooney, representing Camp Katakasu and the Provincial Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Board.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and newcomers were introduced. Murray Faulkner then presented the proposed constitution for the Alberta Camping Association which was then discussed at some length and revisions in the wording and structure were suggested.

Moved by Jim Scott and seconded by Jean Martin that the constitution be adopted as revised at this meeting, also the executive as elected at the previous meeting be now definitely appointd to carry on for the first year of operation, with the addition of Jean Martin, Calgary Y.W.C.A., as Treasurer. Carried.

The Executive is as follows:

Murray Faulkner, President; Harold Sprague, Vice-president in charge of Program; Chester Robbins, Vice-president in charge of Memership; George Hilton, Secretary; Jean Martin, Treasurer.

Chester Robbins presented a membership report: To date we have 10 applications for membership in the Alberta Camping Association and further applications have been sent out to all parties that we think will be interested in this type of venture.

Membership in the Alberta Camping Association is to be on three levels: (1) Camps or organizations, (2) Group

membership, (3) Individual membership.

Certain recommendations were then made to the program committee from the general meeting rgarding a proposed Alberta Camping Conference to be held the first week of May in Edmonton. This conference to coincide, if possible, with Canadian Camping Week.

It was announced at this meeting that Harold Sprague of Edmonton had been appointed as Alberta representative to the Nominating Committee of the Canadian Camping Association.

In conclusion, it now stands on the records that the Alberta Camping Association has been formally organized, its executive elected for this year of 1954 and great hopes are held for its future in the Alberta Camping field.

MANITOBA

An "Ideal" is never totally achieved, although certain of its goals can be accomplished in part at least. So it has been with the Manitoba Camping Association in the past year.

Some of the subjects contained in the eight meetngs held by the Association in 1953 were, a study of Staff Training for Camps, the "History of Camping in Manitoba", presented at the Open Meeting, the report from the Association's delegate to the Ontario Camping Association Conference, a panel on Camp Programs, the Camping Conference, the Fall meeting with Mr. Yard, and lastly, this Annual Meeting. This was a varied program, planned to meet as many of the interests expressed by the members as possible and highlighted by the two stimulating visits of the President of the Canadian Camping Association, Mr. Ted Yard.

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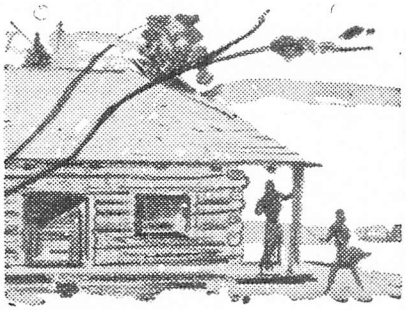

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Into the meetings, planning and programs of the Association went the hard work of many of the members serving on panels, Committees, etc. More publicity was done to acquaint the Community with the fact that they have a Camping Association; the Camp Directory was published, and Campers across Canada were made more aware of the Manitoba Section through representation at the Ontario Conference, and as a result of Mr. Yard's visits.

Although it can be seen that the Camping Association has moved forward in the past year, there are still many areas left untouched and goals yet to be attained. The "Ideal" is still far from becoming real. The goals as set out in the constitution have been touched on, in part only. The whole area of Community understanding and support has just begun. These and other goals are attainable and provide a stimulating and interesting challenge for the Manitoba Camping Association in 1954.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to chair the meetings of the Association for the past year and a half and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you, and in particular the members of the executive for your help and support during my term of office.

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QUEBEC

The Quebec Camping Association is completing a successful year of operation. We have had our low moments and some high moments, but in general the trend has been in the right direction.

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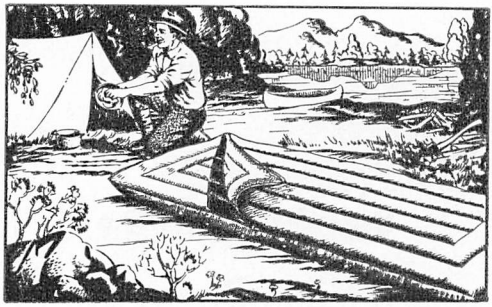

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At times we have felt the need for more gatherings of kindred spirits, and with this in mind we arranged a few informal gatherings of those interested in private camps, where their own special programmes and problems were discussed. These meetings were held in addition to the regular meetings of the Association.

Rgular meetings held during the year were open to all members, and as mentioned above, we had a few special meetings for camp directors. Perhaps our most successful meeting was held with Miss Mary Edgar as our guest speaker. She gave us a very stimulating address and we were sorry when it was all over. It seems at times that we can't hear enough from an outstanding speaker. There isn't enough time.

Our Conference was held on March 27, 28, 1953, with Bob Rourke as the opening speaker. Other Conference leaders were Irwin Haladner, Ron Perry, Dr. H. Caplan, John Venters, Walter Meyer, Dr. A. MacLeod, Roy Locke, Nathan Markus. About three hundred people attended the various sessions of the Conference.

Everything considered, we believe we have passed a successful year. Plans for the coming season also show a strong likelihood of a good year ahead. A very strong slate of officers has been arranged by the nominating committee. The Annual Meeting will be held on May 7th in the form of an abbreviated conference. We open at 4:00 p.m. for registration. Dr. Taylor Statten will speak at 5:00 p.m. on "The Camper, What is She/He Like?" This is a repeat of his New York address. This will be followed by a dinner. Dr. Mary Winspear will be the speaker. The Annual Meeting will be held while some of the younger members of the group will have an evening of square dancing.

Those ?!?! Rainy Days

BARRY G. LOWES,
Director, Camp New Moon

Do you dread rainy days at camp or do you take them in your stride? No matter how deeply you bury your head in the dry sand, wishing and hoping, it is still going to rain at some time during the summer, maybe even for days on end.

If rain follows a week of hot active days, then a sleep-in and a late breakfast can do wonders towards recharging everyone's "battery". Or how about breakfast in bed served by the staff? Campers love it. (Don't overuse it.) That's fine for the first day, but what if the rain doesn't stop?

The most important thing is . . . don't be caught unprepared.

During your pre-camp training period and throughout the summer, conduct recreational evenings for the staff, centering around different active and quiet games that can be used later with their own groups on rainy days. Have counsellors conduct the games and contribute their favourites. Not only are they fun but they are a wonderful source of ideas also.

Make a survey of your facilities. What buildings, what rooms, what space can be used on rainy days? For what could each be used? How many will each hold? Considering your own limitations, make out a list of rainy day programme possibilities, both indoor and outdoor, active and quiet.

Set up a file index of rainy day activities, centrally located for quick references, or mimeograph copies of possible activities for distribution to the staff.

Constantly add books of proven worth to your reference library.

Insure that every counsellor has enough activity ideas at his fingertips to carry him through two rainy days.

Instead of rainy days being days off for specialty counsellors, why not form them into committees to work with campers on unit or camp-wide rainy day programmes?

How about injecting specialty counsellors into cabins to relieve cabin counsellors for a while during these demanding days?

Yes, be prepared, but don't impose your programme. Before you empty your own bag of tricks, draw out ideas from the campers and involve them in the planning and execution of the program. They will probably surprise you. However, if this source runs dry, here are a few suggestions to help brighten the long days.

QUIET PROGRAMMES

Who doesn't respond to A STORY told beside a crackling fireplace? If you can't tell a story well . . . read it.

Have campers RELATE TRIPS they have taken.

Tell a PROGRESSIVE STORY. The leader begins the tale. When he

stops, the person on his right continues and so on around the group.

PAPER BAG DRAMATICS. Each cabin group brings a paper bag into which they have put several objects. The bags are shuffled and each cabin selects one; after which they are given 10 to 15 minutes to prepare a skit, making use of every article in their bag. Skits are then presented in turn to the rest of the camp.

CHARADES. Who hasn't enjoyed the hilarity of this game! Use teams involving everyone. You can use two, three, even four teams at once. One team acts while the others try to guess.

PUPPETS. Make hand puppets from vegetables, balls or construction paper. Produce a show for the camp.

TALENT NIGHT — MUSICAL NIGHT — RHYTHM BAND.

QUIZ SHOWS — on water safety, campcraft or etiquette.

A MOCK TRIAL. Set up a courtroom, judge, lawyers, jury and executioner. Various people are tried for humorous, fictitious crimes. They are always guilty and some hilarious punishment is meted out on the spot.

MASQUERADES. Spend the afternoon preparing. Everyone comes dressed as a bird, animal, historical person, comic strip character, movie star, or perhaps wears a crazy hat or makes a mask from a paper bag.

WHO AM I? Pin the name of some person real or fictitious on each person's back. Players try to find out who they are by asking questions of everyone they encounter as they move about. Answers may be only yes or no.

How about WHAT'S MY LINE? — 20 QUESTIONS? — SPELLING BEE? Conduct sessions on CAMPCRAFT, FIRST AID and WATER SAFETY.

Run TOURNAMENTS in Checkers, chess, dominoes, scrabble, table tennis, pick-up-sticks.

HUMAN X's and O's. Set out 9 chairs in 3 rows of 3 chairs each. Use two teams of any number. The chairs are the squares and the players from each team in turn sit in the chairs instead of marking X's and O's on paper. No coaching and it can be a lot of fun.

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SUNSHINE PREDICTION POOL. Write down your guess as to when the sun will first shine again.

CONTEST. Write down as many campers and counsellors as you can name from memory.

DETECTION. Set out a number of common items. Blindfold contestants who must guess the substances by their smell, taste or feel.

ALPINE BOTTLE GARDEN. Into a sealer bottle put a layer of charcoal, pebbles, sand. Lay out a garden of twigs, moss, etc., on the sand. Water the garden, screw on the lid. Water will condense and rain on the garden, lasting for days.

MOSS GARDEN. In a pie plate make a miniature garden of moss, twigs, toadstools, pebbles, etc.

Don't overlook LETTER WRITING, STRAIGHTENING ONE'S BELONGINGS, working on INDIVIDUAL CRAFTS or GROUP PROJECTS.

There is no substitute for curling up with a GOOD BOOK.

ACTIVE PROGRAMS

There is a great store of pent up energy that must and will be spent.

SEEK AND FIND. Hide a number of objects about a large room. Teams try to find the objects. When someone sees one on the list, he does not touch it or give away its location, but reports to his captain. The first team to find everything wins.

BARNYARD CANDY HUNT. Hide many candies about the room. Each team represents an animal, e.g. cow, dog, horse, duck, etc. When a player spots a candy, he does not touch it but makes sounds mimicking the animal he represents. The captain comes and claims the candy. (Very noisy but fun.)

MUSICAL CHAIRS. Plus the variation of having people sit in the chairs. When the music stops, the moving players sit in their laps.

MUSICAL PARTNERS. Partners walk clockwise in a double circle. On the first command the inside line turns around and walks counter clockwise. When the music stops, players must find their partners, join hands and squat.

SIMON SAYS. Players obey any command given by the leader that is preceded by "Simon Says". Anyone who obeys a command not preceded by the words "Simon says", drops out.

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COMBATIVES. Don't forget Indian hand and leg wrestles, badger pulls, cock fights, wrist presses, tug-o-wars.

RELAYS. Even in confined spaces, just modify the locomotion to hopping, skipping, walking, etc.

FOLK AND SQUARE DANCING, plus musical games.

BLOW BALL. Two teams on either side of a tennis table. Players try to blow the ball off the opposite side. This can be played as an individual elimination game. The player who lets the ball get by him and lets it fall off the table, drops out.

ROUND-THE-TABLE. Any number of players line up around a tennis table. One player serves, places the bat on the table and moves out of the way around the table counter clockwise. The receiver returns the ball, places the bat down and also moves on. The next players pick up the bats immediately and so play continues until someone commits a fault. Three faults eliminate a player. The last two remaining players must put the bat down and turn around in place between each bat at the ball. (A perennial favourite.)

TUMBLING and WRESTLING on old mattresses.

INDOOR GOLF. Set out 9 or 18 holes. A hole might be a box, cup, pan, tin, etc. Bean or sand bags are tossed from hole to hole by players as they move about the course. Set up hazards.

CARNIVAL. Set up games of skill and chance. E.G. tossing pennies into

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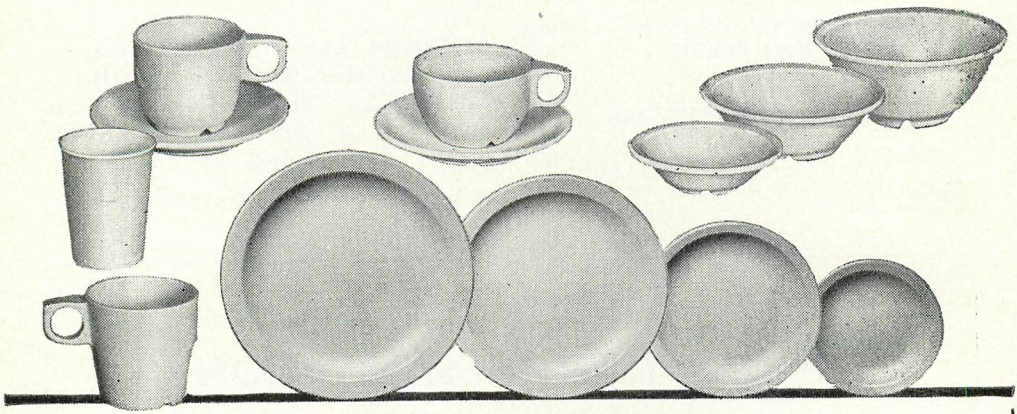

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a saucer floating in a pail of water; drop clothes pegs into a milk bottle; bounce ping pong balls into a tin or egg carton; toss tennis balls into a waste basket. Invent many more such games yourself.

INDOOR TRACK MEET. Shot put is a ping pong ball; discus is a cardboard plate; javelin is a straw; standing broad jump; high jump—from a standing position, jump as high as you can and make a mark on the wall with a piece of chalk; races are walking races.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Unless even the ducks are hiding, there are some activities that can be conducted successfully in the rain. However, remember: dress properly—ponchos, rubber boots, hats, etc. Afterwards get out of wet clothes immediately, get warm before a fire and have a hot drink.

HIKING. Somehow the sense of adventure is heightened in campers when they hike in the rain. Be alert, there is much to observe that is not present on dry days.

CAMP CRAFT. How about trying out that waterproof lean-to? Can you light a fire in the rain? Demonstrate the reason for ditches around a tent, etc.

BEACH COMBING. For driftwoodwood, different stones, fossils, plant and animal life.

TREASURE HUNTS or SCAVENGER HUNTS.

These are but a few ideas that have worked for us, offered in the hope that your rainy days at camp may be happy and memorable ones.

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Some Thoughts on Camp Fire Safety

R. K. Cleverdon,
Director, Camp Kandalore

We are making steady progress in Canadian camping in raising our standards of health, safety and leadership. So far we have done little to set a standard for the protection of our campers, our staff and our camps against damage or destruction from fire. The following thoughts are offered as a first step in making progress in this important area of camp standards. It may well be that many readers will disagree with these suggestions, and if so, their comments are most welcome. Some areas may have been overlooked, and here too, suggestions are invited.

Camp Location . . . no camp should be located in a dead-end area in the forest, from which escape in case of forest fire will be impossible.

. . . at least two different routes for access and escape from the campsite should be provided, so that personnel may be evacuated if necessary, and so that firefighters can get in easily.

. . . there should be a supply of water available from a lake, river, reservoir, storage tank, or swimming pool, to fight fires.

. . . for camps located in isolated areas or where there is a danger of a bushfire surrounding the campsite, a plan for evacuation should be worked out in advance, and tested. Government personnel may be able to fight a fire once it has broken out, but it is dangerous to expect them to evacuate campers too.

Buildings . . . frame camp buildings should be kept at least 20 feet, and preferably 40 feet, from any other frame building, except minor storage buildings. This will help prevent fires from spreading.

. . . roofs on buildings should be flameproof, or of a type known as "first class" by fire underwriters.

. . . overcrowding of frame buildings is very dangerous and leads to tragedy in the case of fire. A figure of at least 30 sq. ft. per person for sleeping quarters, and 10 sq. ft. for dining and assembly halls is recommended.

. . . two-storey frame buildings present special problems which must be understood. Fire authorities agree that the use of two-storey frame buildings with sleeping quarters on the second floor in camps is undesirable. If this is necessary, then outside fire escapes of steel or well-braced wood must be provided, and the area at the base of the fire-escape kept free of weeds or other inflammable debris. Two-storey main buildings in which the second storey is a dining hall or assembly room are not recommended, since a fire may break out in a small room on the bottom floor and before it is detected, place all the occupants of the second floor in great danger.

. . . dining and assembly halls should have at least two different exits, both opening directly to the outside, of reasonable width (36 to 44 in. per door recommended), the doors swing-

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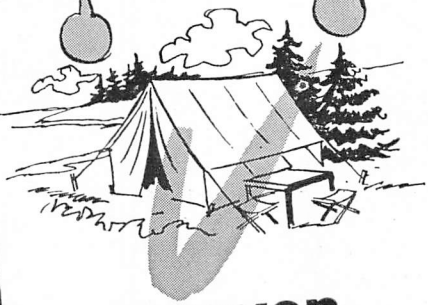

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ing out, and opening onto the ground level or not more than two feet above the ground. Where this is impossible due to the building's location above the grade, the door must open onto a wide landing or ramp not less in width than the door.

. . . cook stoves should not be placed near wood trim, should have fire-resistant floors below them, and should discharge into masonry chimneys, or into smoke pipes adequately protected from the surrounding frame wall by a metal sleeve or similar device. How often we read about a frame building burning to the ground in a few minutes, caused by an "overheated stove"! So often the fire has been traced back to the smoke pipe going through the wall. Wherever possible, masonry chimneys should be used, and they must be cleaned frequently.

. . . chimneys should have spark-arresting devices when the camp is located in a forest area.

. . . electrical wiring must be done by a competent electrician according to standard practice, and precautions taken to avoid overloading any circut. Using heavier fuse plugs than that for which the circuit is designed is just courting disaster.

. . . doors from camp hospitals should be at least 48 inches wide to allow moving a bed patient in his bed.

. . . large sleeping tents should be flameproofed if gasoline or coal oil lanterns are used, and should be kept a reasonable distance apart.

. . . the same care should be given to space heaters as to kitchen stoves. If installing oil or propane heaters, be sure to get expert advice on the fire safety aspects.

. . . flammable liquids like gasoline, coal oil and paint should be stored in a special building well removed from the others and locked against unauthorized entry. Remember, most fire insurance policies only allow one gallon of gasoline to be stored in an insured building.

Fire Precautions . . . the camp should consider having at least some of the standard fire extinguishers available at each building.

. . . fire extinguishers include fire pails of water, fire pails of sand, fire barrels of water with empty pails nearby, soda-acid inverting-type cylinders, carbon tetrachloride, CO-two and foamite. CO-two is recommended for use in kitchens for grease and oil fires, and for fires in electrical equipment. Remember—don't use water or soda-acid extinguishers on oil or electrical fires! Foamite is good but messy and will ruin any food with which it comes in contact.

. . . it is recommended that fire pails or 5-gallon tank pumps be placed near each group of buildings or tents, and that a CO-two or alternative extinguisher be placed in any danger area like the kitchen, pumphouse, maintenance workshop, craft shop, or near the electrical generator if one is present.

. . . consideration should be given to leaving off hydrants from the camp water system at strategic points, with coiled hose nearby. A pressure of 40 lb. with 1½ in. hose is advised, but even a smaller system is better than nothing. If this is not possible, a portable gasoline fire pump with hose is a good investment in peace of mind!

. . . fire hazards like brush piles, dead leaves, debris or flammable waste, or leaves in roof valleys, should be destroyed. These are particularly dangerous if near buildings or tents, since a spark or a match dropped in a brush pile might start a fire which could sweep through a whole section

of a camp before being brought under control.

. . . lanterns should be well-cared-for, and filled by competent people. Surprising as it may seem, in one season a C.I.T. and the wife of a senior staff member were found filling coal-oil lanterns with naphtha gasoline! Neither knew there was any difference!

. . . it is against the law to set out brush fires in the fire districts of some provinces from April 1 to October 30 without a permit. The practice of setting off fireworks should be considered in the same light.

. . . extreme care must be taken of camp fires, council fires, and fires built during campcraft instruction or on hikes and outtrips. Everyone in the camp must know the proper precautions to be taken. The assistance of the local Forestry Department in bringing this lesson to the camp members should be sought. .

. . . garbage and other flammable waste which must be burned in the camp area should be burned in a proper incinerator, equipped with a spark arresting device, with the ground cleared around it, and fitted with a masonry or metal firebox into which the ashes will drop.

Camp Fire Policy . . . and we don't mean an insurance policy, though we presume you have one! No, the camp director must give serious thought to the whole problem of setting up a policy governing fire precautions, prevention and procedure, if one breaks out.

. . . a responsible senior member of the staff should conduct a fire study of the camp, make recommendations which are acted upon by the management, and draw up a fire prevention program.

. . . there should be a fire drill once in each camp period.

. . . campers and staff should be trained in putting out fires, and this should be practised with cookout and campfires.

. . . there should be a routine inspection at frequent intervals of all fire hazards like stoves and chimneys, wiring, fireplaces, brush piles and the like.

. . . a procedure in case of fire should be worked out in advance so that everyone isn't running around like the proverbial chicken if a fire **does** break out.

. . . and finally, it takes but a little time to make the staff and campers "fire conscious"—and it may save a life!

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Meeting Waterfront Emergencies

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Sometimes I shudder to think what would happen if a real emergency occurred at some camps, those where waterfronts are spread out, those where the Intermediate and Senior rafts are separated by sand bars and distances up to six hundred yards. In such cases the swimming areas are not definitely marked, which makes close supervision extremely difficult.

Most camps use the Buddy System, plus foam plastic devices or a variety of similar techniques to **prevent** waterfront accidents. But perhaps we have over-empasized prevention and forgotten about cure.

What would you do if a boat capsized? What would you do if you missed one swimmer after the Buddy Whistle had been called? How would you organize a search or rescue?

The time of the accident is too late. Some sort of "search system" should be planned in advance, ready to put into action in the event of such an emergency. Last summer as Waterfront Director, the writer helped inaugurate such a system at the YWCA Camp Davern, with the help of Mr. Don Purdy of the Ottawa Red Cross Society. If our searchers, within four minutes of the first signal, located the "dummy" which had been planted in the water, we considered it a successful drill. Up to that time there is a reasonable chance that the victim can be resuscitated. Every second counts.

Such a drill requires detailed planning, a distinctive signal, speed, calm and quiet on the part of all who participate. The system should be outlined to all staff in the pre-camp training period, assisted by a small-scale demonstration. Each counsellor should know her particular duties, the general alarm signal, and the location of all emergency equipment.

The signal must be distinctive, not easily confused with any other camp signals. Often a fog-horn, followed by a series of whistle blasts, is adequate. On hearing the signal, everyone in camp goes immediately to the waterfront, WALKING, and calling "Drowning".

EXCEPTIONS:

(a) leave one person at a fire or stove; keep water boiling and hot drinks ready.

(b) leave those near to the Dining Hall (perhaps those in the office or craftshop). The first staff person in this group organizes the group: sends three for the nurse, stretchers and blankets; phones the doctor herself, sends everyone else to the waterfront.

As everybody reaches the water, they tak off their shoes and heavy clothing, line up according to swimming ability and be QUIET. Two staff are appointed to supervise the Shallow Water Search. Each leader takes a line of the lesser advanced swimmers, who join hands and stand close together, one line at each side of the area. Slowly, the lines will wade forward in wave formation into the centre, looking for the body (or "dummy" in

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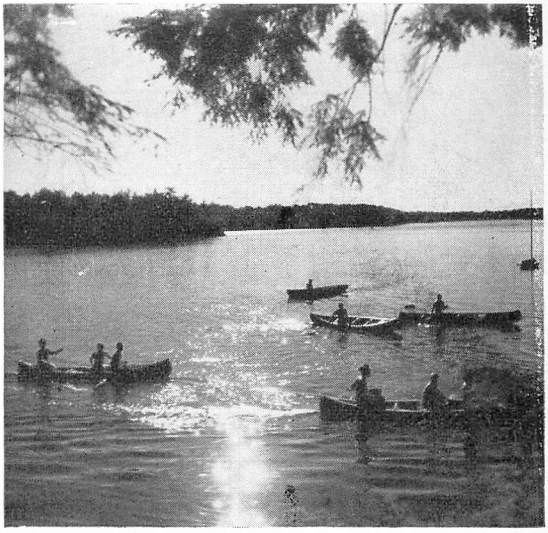
the training period) and feeling for it with feet and legs. Turn and repeat.

When the body is found, the searcher tells the nearest counsellor and stands still to mark the spot. The camper does NOT try to rescue the body herself. The counsellor makes the rescue after telling the Waterfront Director so that the water can be cleared of all searchers.

In deeper water and the more advanced swimming areas, a different method is required. Here a line of advanced swimmers and counsellors will line up close together and do successive surface dives, going from shallow to deep water in their own lanes. Again, when the body is found, notify the nearest waterfront counsellor and stay there to mark the spot. If the body is not found, turn and repeat. All those who are not needed in the first search should stay lined up on the beach to relieve tired searchers when necessary. In the deep water it is necessary that the first surface dive start right at the edge of the area, by jumping up and going down, not wasting the space of the three breast strokes. Non-swimmers are kept QUIET and well back on the beach by staff who do not swim.

Two or three staff are appointed to take the life-boat and the grappling irons and search beyond the deep water swimming area, rowing back and forth in a wave formation, in case the body has drifted out of the enclosed areas.

All Waterfront Staff keep their positions and watch the searchers: to discover if any are tired or if anyone finds the body. If this is found, the nearest staff makes the rescue and all searchers are signalled out of the water by a series of long whistle blasts. The body is brought up on the dock where as many as are fully qualified in Artificial Respiration take their turn.



Timing should be less than four minutes from the first whistle to the commencement of resuscitation.

Several points are very important:

Organize a drill as closely as possible to the beginning of each camp. An accident won't wait until after you have had your drill.

In four-week camps a second drill is a good reminder, and smartens up slack ways.

Warn the staff before each drill, so that the Doctor will be called in only in cases of real emergency. No need to Cry Wolf unnecessarily.

Be sure, when testing campers at the opening of camp, that they **can** do a surface dive.

Impress on campers the need for silence to lessen confusion. Stress the seriousness of the whole situation, and that speed is absolutely necessary, that they take their part in the water regardless of what they are wearing, that there is no need to run for a bathing cap when a life is at stake.

All boats will come to shore, away from the swimming area if possible. Their crews will join the ranks of rescuers.

After the practice, take attendance by cabin groups. Tell the campers the

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timing, and have any comments on the efficiency or lack of it given by staff in charge. Have them make suggestions for improvements for next time.

Remember, the campers are curious. Show them the grappling irons; it helps to impress the seriousness of the situation on them. Remind the children that the practice is just a drill, like fire drill at school, so that they will not be frightened into writing letters home about drownings. Commend the group if the drill or search is executed efficiently; be sure to encourage pride in a job well done.

Each camp will undoubtedly require its own variations to suit local needs. But don't wait until an accident occurs before you think how to organize a search or rescue. Every second counts. Give your prevention plan the confidence that comes from knowing what you would do in case of a Real Emergency.

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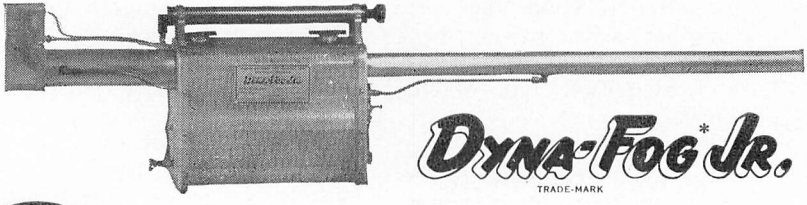

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How Does Your Waterfront Rate?

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The check list below cannot be considered an exhaustive one, but it is one which I believe to be pertinent to the interests of the well established camp that has a waterfront program. Of course, some items will not apply to one or the other type of camp, but in any case, wherever people are associated with activities relevant to waterfronts, the vast majority of pointed questions below should be significant.

There will perhaps be a few who will treat this "check list" lightly and say to themselves, "But we have never had a serious water accident at our camp"! Statistics, however, tell us quite a different story! Almost every year some camp somewhere has a serious accident which may be recorded as a "first". Although, in most cases, blame may not be attached to the camp administration, yet somehow there must be a way for us to improve our camp to a point, even beyond the remotest accident possibility level. Let us see then "How does your Waterfront Rate?"

Planning the New Waterfront

Yes No
- Are you certain that you have clean fresh water?
- Is the bottom of the area firm, sandy and **gradual** in slope?
- Have you a stretch of sandy beach or grassy verge leading up to the water?
- Are there dangerous cliffs close to your waterfront?
- Is the water usually calm?
- Have you checked with local residents about ice conditions and what it might do to a permanent docking system?
- Have you enquired about water level changes during the summer?
- Is the prospective waterfront area free from excessive wind, dangerous currents, undertow or tides?
- Have you checked to make sure that at no time are domestic animals permitted to wade in or near your prospective waterfront area?

The Established Waterfront Area

Yes No
- Have you arranged to have your waterfront carefully checked for newly acquired hazards, such as roots, stumps, deadheads, etc.?
- Have you arranged to clear away any new accumulation of weeds?
- Have you made plans to remove a movable rock that has previously not had attention due to lack of time?
- Have you checked the planking on your docks?
- Have you inspected movable parts, such as hinges, diving board fixtures, etc.?

Are your floating drums free from leaks and your supporting dock logs sound and buoyant?

Have you set up a defence against swimmers moving under the docks and becoming lost or entangled in "under dock construction"?

Have you thoroughly examined and measured your **one approved** diving area to make certain that under your 1 metre board there is a minimum of nine feet of water, and under your 3 metre board there is at least twelve feet?

Have you similarly checked your beginner area for a depth of 3 to 3½ feet, your intermediate area for a depth of 3½ to 7 feet, and your senior area over 7 feet?

Personnel and Programme

Yes No Has your waterfront director professional rating? Has your waterfront director Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Society or Y.M.C.A. qualifications?

Is he absolutely conscientious and responsible?

Has he personality as a teacher?

Has he a thorough and practical knowledge of camping as well as waterfront activity?

Has he confidence and does he display some sense of loyalty to you and the camp?

Have you tried to select other staff members who are qualified to serve on the waterfront as responsible assistants?

Have you provided the waterfront director with a reasonably accurate summary of the age and number of campers?

Have you given him a summary of the equipment on hand or what equipment has been purchased?

Have you outlined clearly to the waterfront director what you expect of him; i.e., checking patrols, equipment, progress of swimmers, awards, etc., judgment in case of bad weather, etc.?

Have you established with your waterfront director and **all** other staff members a set of rules and regulations which can be consistently adhered to through all phases of the camp session?

Is your checking system thoroughly satisfactory, or should you ask for help in its revision?

Are you providing your waterfront director with time and opportunity to train the staff (particularly waterfront assistants), in methods of instruction, technique of teaching, water safety, artificial respiration, etc.?

Are you making plans well ahead of time for major events, such as regattas, aquacades, etc.?

For these events have you selected items which are not unduly hazardous to participants?

Have you selected events within the capacity of participants?

Can all items within your special events be readily supervised?

Can you be consistent in your waterfront rules and regulations in your plan for special events?

Have you arranged for a pre-camp training session in which you and your waterfront director can discuss plans for the summer's waterfront activity with other members of the staff?

Are you making provision for instruction of all levels of campers; non-swimmers or beginners, intermediates and seniors?
Are you allowing for instruction of "special cases" that have been accepted into your camp?
Have you made allowance on application forms for a specific appraisal of campers' swimming ability?
Have you arranged for an "entry to camp" swim test in which the waterfront director can group campers into ability levels and also re-allocate swimmers who tend to exaggerate ability on application forms?

Equipment

Yes No Have you checked your docks for broken boards?
Have you considered the necessity for another coat of paint?
If you use "cocoa matting" is it still in good condition?
Have your diving boards any longitudinal cracks?
Have you checked your waterfront area for excessively slippery areas? (use sand on fresh paint).
Have you considered an extra diving board to be changed periodically with your regular one?
Are your float lines and floats in good condition? (for float lines use hot mixture of paraffin and kerosene).
Are your ladders solid?
Is your enclosed entrance to the waterfront still sound and satisfactory in appearance?

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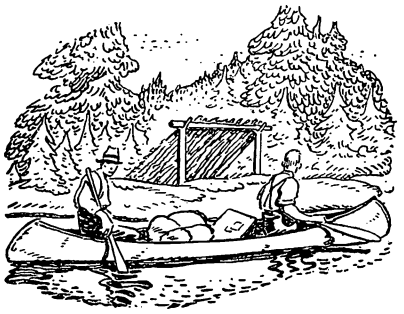

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Are your reaching aids (preferably bamboo poles) adequate in number and dependable in structure?
Are your notice boards striking in appearance and still well located?
Have you recently checked your waterfront first aid kits?
Have you acquired necessary accessory equipment for your special events?
Have you the following small items of equipment for the waterfront:
megaphones and whistles
stop watch
starting gun or clapper
water polo balls or water balls
hooks, and oilcloth cover for bulletin board
specimen copies of certificates, emblems and pins for which the swimmer can qualify
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clip boards with cellophane covers?
Is your life saving equipment within reach and in good repair? i.e. paddleboards, striped boat blankets, reaching aids, etc.?
Is your waterfront set up so that swimmers at all levels cannot become entangled in chains, wires, etc., used in anchorage?

Health and Safety

Yes No Have you made arrangements to check water temperatures throughout the camp season?
Have you arranged for regular pollution checks of your water, through the Department of Health?
Do your waterfront director, and staff assistants, understand that individual resistance to water temperatures vary a great deal, as do psychological attitudes toward swimming?
Have you arranged to have a regular check for infectious skin abrasions and cuts, athlete's foot, etc., before entering the swimming area?
Have you racks outside or adjacent to the swim area for such personal items as towels, extra clothing, shoes, etc.
Do you permit swimming outside swim areas? (you should not).
Do you permit swimming at dock or at night? (you should not).
Do you permit only qualified persons to use row boats, canoes, sailboats?
Do you keep campers off docks unless qualified persons are on duty?
Do you permit horseplay on docks? (you should not).
Do you have some kind of preparatory exercises before entering the water?
Do you guard against excessive sun exposure on waterfront?

Now, if you have scored poorly on this check list, you have some very important and worthwhile improvements to make in your camp. This should be interesting and challenging to your staff and camp board or committee. If you are **sure** you have scored well make very certain that everything is kept that way and that you maintain a high standard in your waterfront for children to have a safe, happy and educational experience!

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2. Mr. L. B. Smith, Executive Officer, Physical Education Branch, Department of Education, 206 Huron Street, Toronto 5.
3. Mrs. J. M. Pretty, 206 St. Leonard's Avenue, Toronto 12 Secretary, Ontario Branch, Royal Life Saving Society.

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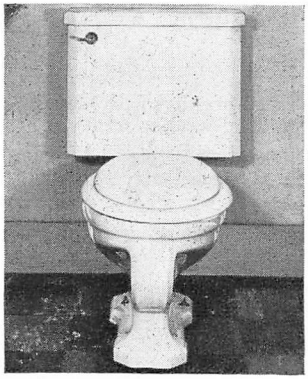

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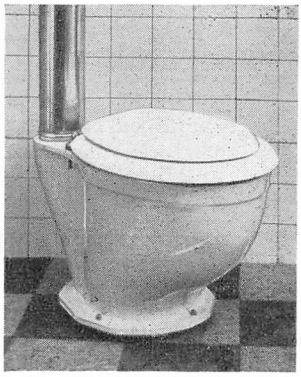

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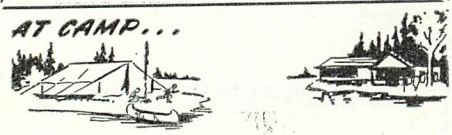

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But within the last six weeks comes an envoy from England whose life-hope it is to build a Canadian camp in Surrey, this to operate twelve months in the year as a place of learning and recuperation for sickly children from all parts of Mr. Churchill's Little Island.

Lt.-Commander Frank Hunt of the Royal Navy, member of Sir Winston Churchill's Map Room Staff during the War, and designer of his famous "Dunkirk to Berlin" Map, has been a frequent and welcome visitor to your National Office, where he has talked with members about logs and log cabins, designs and costs, people to visit, counsellors and programme, and the link the Canadian Camping Association will eventually have with Little Canada in England. At the moment we stand about a quarter of a century ahead of ourselves! But why not take the long view?

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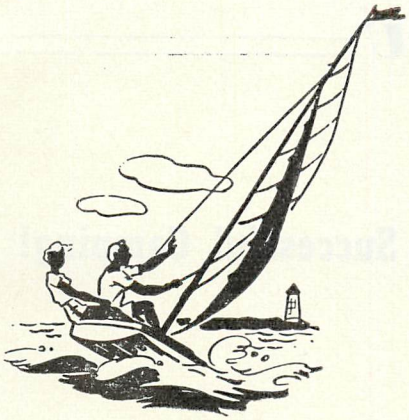

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George VI, whose love for camping was so widely known, was keenly interested in its development. Our own Governor General has known of the project since its very beginning and a host of Canadians who are influential in the professional and business world are now taking an active interest.

The trick is to get the logs. With the dollar situation and stiff import regulations, there *are* problems. So Commander Hunt is here to interest lumber tycoons in each province to lend a hand by supplying logs and shipping them over for the purpose. It is now our hope that as he travels across Canada, he will be in touch as well, with camping people in each province, so that in some way we can tie in with Little Canada later on when the camp is in operation. Cabins, by the way, are to be named after each province and after cities in Canada.

So, during the next few months, as Commander Hunt travels out to the West Coast and back again, you will hear about him and see him, and welcome him as a guest at your camps possibly, for he would like to see as many as he has time to see, while they are in operation.

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Tom had yelled this way often enough during the summer for the Camp Director to have realized that he was really throwing out an S.O.S. because this character in his cabin had him beaten. However, the camp counsellors had all had a long training course through the winter, and for the week before camp opening. Tom's cry for help was not heard because nobody really thought of him as a person needing help. He had been a counsellor-in-training for one year, and this was his second year as a full counsellor. He had been a good camper, with plenty of skills, and was generally liked by everyone in the camp.

There are many "Toms" at camp because some directors do not see the camp period itself as the most important one for genuine training.

The counsellor can learn many skills at many points during the year. Lifesaving, crafts, archery and scores of other "activity" skills do not require the camp setting and the camp experience for the counsellor to acquire a good learning experience.

But almost the only setting available to the camp management adequate for training the counsellor for his real job of being a "counsellor" in the field of human relations is the camp in session. Obviously, at camp, and only at camp, does the camp director have the counsellor in a position where he has to accept responsibility for his actions. Not even the period of camp *before* the campers arrive is of much value for "counsellor" training in the true sense of the word. The counsellor is still free of responsibility for his group.

A counsellor training programme should include such content as "Understanding the Camper", "The Philosophy of Camping", "Understanding Group Life", "The Meaning of Discipline" and similar subjects. However, the key to counsellor training is actually helping him, like the Greeks, to understand himself. The counsellor is no counsellor at all until he understands the relationship between what he does and what the other members in his group do individually and collectively. And if it is a part of Canadian camping to teach democracy, then the counsellor is not performing his duty unless his conscious efforts are assisting his campers and himself to include every member in the decision-making that takes place all day long.

It is probably true to say that the average counsellor becomes more autocratic as the camp season wears on . . . unless he is helped at times when he is having genuine difficulty in understanding himself, his campers, and his group. The actual experience he is having and his relationship to it become a learning opportunity because he is responsible for the outcome.

The usual behaviour when a difficult situation arises and there is failure to understand what is involved, is for the counsellor to "take over" in order to keep control of it. This type of solution of a problem tends to occur more frequently through time as the counsellor becomes increasingly tired and,

therefore, less willing to think and feel a problem through. His very tenseness makes observation of himself and the situation improbable.

Lack of an in-camp, experience-centred training programme affects a counsellor in this way because he arrives at camp with attitudes that make the authoritarian way out of his difficulties very easy. Some of these are: "The campers are too young to make good decisions"; "I am in charge, and have a right to lay down the law"; "If I make the campers do the right things, they are learning what is good for them"; "Campers should look to their leader"; "So what if they do it because they like me?"

So that an in-camp training programme will help free a counsellor of these decision-prohibiting attitudes, the following dynamics are needed in the experience:

1. The counsellor must be provided with a personal experience as a member of a democratic training group.

2. The material must be subjective, making the counsellor aware of himself.

3. He should share his growing experience with others in the same programme. High morale in the training group provides a stimulating climate in which learning can take place.

4. The training method constantly should get the counsellor to establish principles by which his actions may be evaluated.

5. The counsellor should be provided with a friendly atmosphere where self-criticism can be helpful.

6. The training programme should help the counsellor to work with the specific problem he has at the time when he has it. There is nothing like a few productive experiences to make the counsellor take the next steps in his growth to maturity and self-realization.

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Our arrival in Kingston was hailed with a greatly appreciated tour of the city, arranged by Miss Cleta Herman and Miss Isobel Lyon of Kingston YWCA, and a trip to their Camp Cedarnook. It closed with a dinner at the LaSalle Hotel, during which we continued to "talk shop", speaking of plans which may sound far-fetched at the present time, but which will surely come to pass before too many years have gone by.

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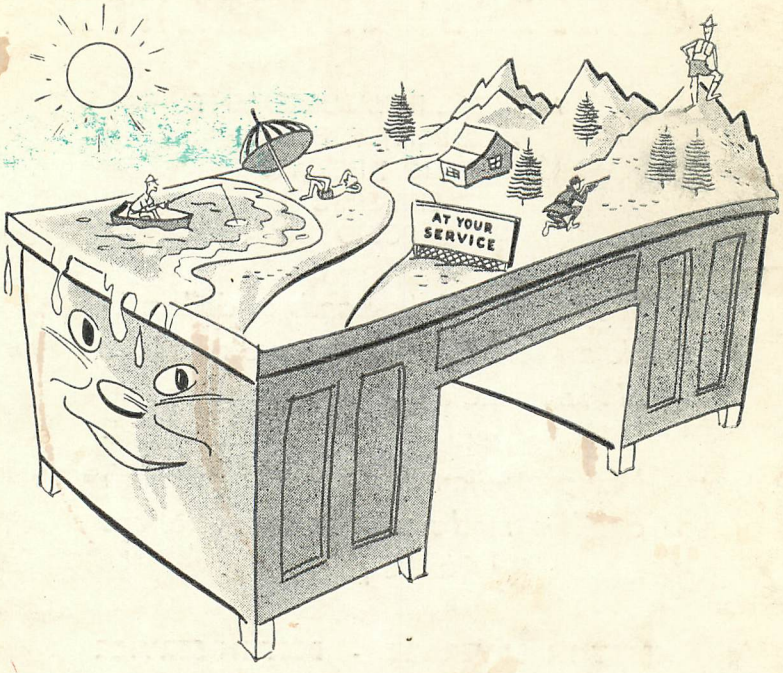

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